

## Feasting with the King

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-34

**Main Idea:** The Lord's Supper is a divine invitation to a deeper fellowship with Christ and with one another, promoting unity over division, and extending grace to relationships within the church body.

**Key Verses:** "...the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'" **(1 Corinthians 11:23-25, ESV)**

### Key Principles:

- Communion draws believers into a sacred remembrance of Christ's atoning death.
- The Supper serves as a proclamation of Christ's death until He returns, calling believers to ongoing faith and anticipation of His coming.
- Self-examination ensures that participants approach with faith, discerning the body of Christ both in the elements and in the gathered community to avoid judgment.
- The Supper invites confession of sin and self-judgment, allowing God's discipline to lead to spiritual renewal and protection from further harm.
- Communion should reflect Christ's love in practical acts of unity and generosity.
- As a holy ordinance, the Supper combines memorial symbolism with Christ's real spiritual presence, strengthening believers against sin and division.

### Discussion:

1. How does Paul's account of the Lord's Supper reveal its origins in Christ's direct revelation, and what does this teach us about its authority in our worship today?
2. In what ways does proclaiming the Lord's death through the Supper anticipate His return, and how can this shape our hope and daily living as believers?
3. What challenges might arise when examining our motives, and how does discernment apply to both the elements and our relationships with others?
4. How does Paul's call to self-judgment and confession model a path to spiritual health? What steps can we take to confess sins that might affect our participation?
5. Why is prioritizing others during the Supper essential for renewing community? How does it reflect the gospel's emphasis on grace over self-interest?
6. How does anticipating Christ's return through the Supper motivate us to practice generosity? Share how this truth inspires you to build stronger church bonds.

### Prayer:

- Pray for hearts that confront division and foster fellowship amid our differences.
- Pray for:
  - Wisdom to examine ourselves honestly, confessing sins that disrupt unity.
  - That we will always experience Christ's spiritual presence in the Supper.
  - Boldness to proclaim His redemptive work and extend grace to others.

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b>Remember <u>Christ's sacrifice</u>.</b> | <b>11:23-26</b> |
| 1.          | Celebrate His <u>sacrificial love</u> .    | 11:23-24        |
| 2.          | Proclaim His <u>redemptive work</u> .      | 11:25           |
| 3.          | Anticipate His <u>imminent return</u> .    | 11:26           |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>Reflect on <u>your heart</u>.</b>       | <b>11:27-32</b> |
| 1.          | <u>Examine</u> your <u>motives</u> .       | 11:27-29        |
| 2.          | <u>Confess</u> your <u>sin</u> .           | 11:30-32        |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>Renew <u>our community</u>.</b>         | <b>11:33-34</b> |
| 1.          | <u>Prioritize</u> <u>unity</u> .           | 11:33           |
| 2.          | <u>Practice</u> <u>generosity</u> .        | 11:34           |

NEXT WEEK:  
**The Path to a New Life**  
John 3:1-21